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[0041] Subsequent playback of recorded programs then requires that a playback authorization instruction be input into the PVR as depicted by step 205. Similar to the recording authorization instruction of step 201, the playback authorization step 205 authorizes the playback mechanism of a PVR in accordance with the present invention to accept user instructions relative to the playback of stored, recorded material. Here again, the playback authorization instruction of step 205 can be a password or access code as determined by the owner of the PVR. Once the playback authorization is accepted, playback of the recorded material can proceed in conventional fashion, as depicted by step 206.

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[0047] FIG. 6 depicts an arrangement in accordance with the methods and apparatus of the present invention. As depicted therein, PVR 600 is operatively connected to a Multi-media programming source 601 such as a cable set top box, satellite receiver, television receiver or the like, and a display 602. The PVR 600 has the functionality described by the methods of FIG. 2 and FIG. 4 respectively wherein the secure recording and playback of Multi-media programs is achieved.

#### STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-24 are pending.

#### REMARKS

This is a preliminary amendment before the first Office Action.

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The specification is amended to include reference to step 206 and display 602, which are depicted in Figures 2 and 6, respectively, but which were inadvertently omitted from the specification as filed.